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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Inner city pubs open for Australia's World Cup matches

If Italian fans can enjoy a latte in Rome and US fans can enjoy a hotdog in the Big Apple, then NSW Planning Minister Tony Kelly thinks Australian football fans should be able to enjoy a beer in Sydney during the **2010 FIFA World Cup™**.

"The NSW Government has taken additional steps to ensure that patriotic Australian football fans will be able to watch the World Cup in a pub with their mates," Mr Kelly said.

"Today I have temporarily amended the State's planning laws to allow licensed pubs and clubs in the City of Sydney council area to open their doors during matches featuring Australia.

"The changes will also apply to the semi-finals and final, regardless of whether Australia progresses to that stage of the tournament."

Minister Kelly said the changes complement similar changes to NSW liquor licensing laws made last month and will ensure that all inner-city venues which want to welcome Aussie football fans during the month-long tournament will be able to do so.

"Sydneysiders have a proud history of getting behind their sporting heroes and the World Cup will be no different," Mr Kelly said.

"As Australia's only global city, it is appropriate that Sydney is able to enjoy this truly global event in its own traditional way – side by side with mates in the pub.

"The Government's temporary amendment to liquor laws last month successfully addressed the necessary licensing requirements, but Council has also received a large number of requests for altered trading hours as required under existing planning approvals.

"Following discussions with the Lord Mayor, the NSW Government has now provided a solution that will remove the need for a large number of venues to lodge an application with Council.

"There is now no impediment to Sydneysiders enjoying Australia's World Cup matches in the best way they know how."

Mr Kelly reminded venues and fans alike that all other requirements in terms of amenity impacts on neighbouring areas and service of alcohol would still apply.

"Just because pubs will be open for the games, doesn't mean that fans or venues can act irresponsibly.

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“We must all celebrate Australia’s World Cup achievements in a responsible and considerate manner.”

Sydney is one of six official international host sites and the only city in the Asia-Pacific. The other exclusive hosts are: Paris, Rome, Berlin, Mexico City and Rio de Janeiro.

### Background info

The changes, which are to be implemented through an amendment to *State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008* (Codes SEPP), include the following extension of hours:

- (a) the period of 1 hour between 4 am and 5 am on any of the following days:
  - (i) Monday 14 June 2010,
  - (ii) Thursday 24 June 2010,
  - (iii) Wednesday 7 July 2010,
  - (iv) Thursday 8 July 2010,
  - (v) Monday 12 July 2010,

[This will allow licensed venues with existing 5 am opening hours to open in time for the match]

- (b) the period of 3 hours between midnight and 3 am on Sunday 20 June 2010,
- (c) the period of 6 hours between 4 am and 10 am on Sunday 27 June 2010 (but only if Australia is playing a second round match of the 2010 FIFA World Cup at any time during that period),
- (d) the period of 5 hours between 10 pm on Sunday 27 June 2010 and 3 am on Monday 28 June 2010 (but only if Australia is playing a second round match of the 2010 FIFA World Cup at any time during that period),
- (e) the period of 5 hours between midnight and 5 am on Saturday 3 July 2010,
- (f) the period of 8 hours between midnight and 8 am on Sunday 4 July 2010,
- (g) the period of 6 hours between 4 am and 10 am on Sunday 11 July 2010.

The provisions will apply in all areas of the City of Sydney local government area except the designated ‘Freeze Precincts’ covering areas in Kings Cross, Oxford Street and the Sydney CBD South. Council will still need to assess applications for extended opening hours for venues in these precincts.

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